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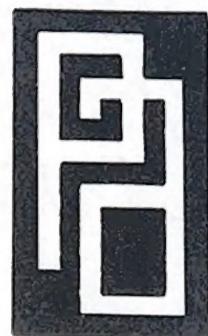
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SEASON 1986-87 PROGRAMME NO. 23
TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 1987
VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE DIV ONE
v MAIDENHEAD UNITED

FROM THE EDITOR

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Gardiners Close for this Vauxhall Opel League game with Maidenhead. Many of you will have been here a few weeks ago when we beat tonight's visitors by 2-0 in the A.C. Delco Cup. That was a very satisfactory performance and of course a repeat would be very welcome in this match. We both need the points, our visitors are very much involved in a fight against relegation whilst we want to finish as close to the top as possible so let's hope it will be a good open game. Our last two league games have been drawn - both against sides above us in the table - and on both occasions we really could have had all three points. Displays like the one at Bracknell reinforce the opinion that we are as good as the leading sides on our day and that with a little more consistency we could still have been right up there with them. However there is no point thinking "what might have been" and instead a look to the future is necessary. The immediate future of course sees our A.C. Delco Cup semi final against Bognor Regis Town taking place next Monday. This will be the first leg, down on the Sussex coast and we are hoping to take as much support as possible. As I write these notes I am not sure how many remaining coach seats there are but if you speak to Ron Finnis he will put you in the picture.

You may well have read in the local papers that we have signed another experienced player recently - Steve Oliver who has recently been playing with Chelmsford City. Steve made a solid debut on Saturday and we wish him well with the Club.

Also on Saturday last, the reserves had a really thrilling Essex Intermediate Cup clash with the competition favourites, Dagenham. Our lads eventually went through 5-4 on penalties after the game had been 2-2 at 90 minutes and 3-3 at the end of extra time. It was a really first rate effort and sees the second team into the semi finals - their opponents still to be decided.

The other Vauxhall Opel League Division One matches scheduled for tonight are:-

Leytonstone Ilford	v. Southwick	7.45.....
Leyton-Wingate	v. Uxbridge	.....
Staines Town	v. Leatherhead	.....
Tilbury	v. Lewes	.....

OUR VISITORS

Welcome this afternoon to the officials, players and supporters of Maidenhead United. We hope they enjoy the game this evening and that they have a safe return journey.

As Maidenhead were here only a few weeks ago for the A.C. Delco Cup quarter final I will not repeat their entire history this evening. Suffice it to say that they are a very old and well established club and have played in several leagues over the years - the Southern, Spartan, Corinthian and Athenian in that order. They have been members of the Isthmian League (now the Vauxhall Opel League) for some time now and the highest position they have attained was fourth in division one in 1983-84.

This term things have not gone at all well for them in the league but in cup competitions it has been a different story with some excellent victories achieved. In the F.A. Cup they fell at the first hurdle 2-3 at Redhill, in the Trophy they went down 0-4 at Trowbridge having previously defeated Clandown and Melksham, but it was in the A.C. Delco Cup that Maidenhead really shone this year. They managed some tremendous results, with victories by 4-0 over Tooting & Mitchum, 5-0 against Southwick following a 0-0 draw and then, best of all, a 1-0 win at Windsor and Eton to bring them to the quarter final before we defeated them by 2-0 here in the fog.

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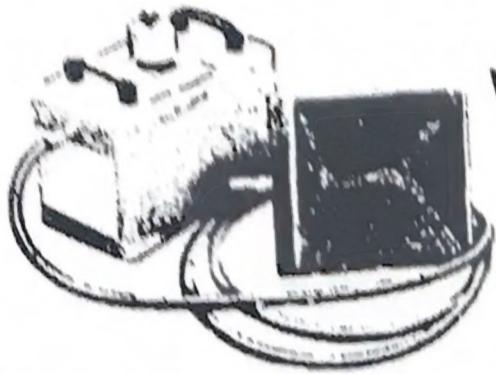
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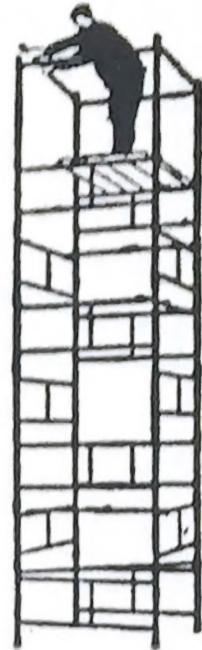
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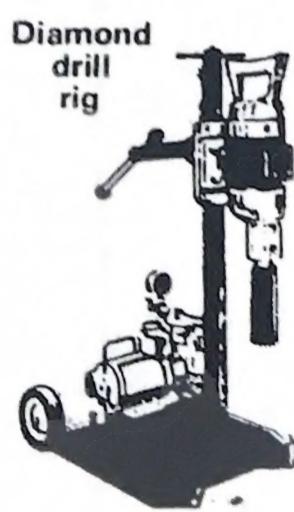
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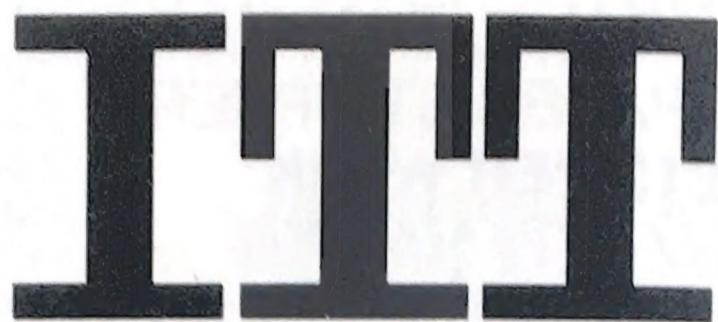
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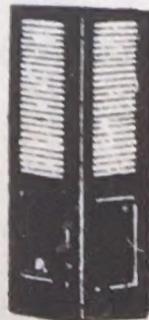
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League News



Column No. 29

For Monday, 23rd.

Barking have written to their local Council requesting an urgent meeting concerning their appeal against the recent enormous increase in rent and rates. Meanwhile the club has been gathering hundreds of signatures on petitions which are circulating in the area and will be forwarded to the Barking and Dagenham Council.

Barking Chairman Peter Thomson said: "We are still waiting to get a date for a meeting with Council officials and to cover ourselves we have had to write to the Vauxhall-Opel League Management Committee asking for an extension regarding our ground grading which should be completed by the end of April".

Much depends on the appeals by Barking and neighbours Dagenham against these tremendous demands, for it is certain that other Councils are watching the situation very closely to see the outcome. If the appeal fails it almost certainly means that other clubs around London will also face similar demands.

Hendon recently had a meeting with representatives from their local authority regarding ground improvements.

"We received an "A" grading last November," said Chairman Charles Geary. "But the local Council has agreed to further improvements. We want to keep improving our facilities and get them up to Fourth Division standards.

"We are due for a rent review in September and I certainly hope the Council does not follow the example set by Dagenham and Barking."

At the moment I understand Hendon's rent is around £2,500 per year.

Hendon have lost their skipper Roger Wade's services until about the middle of March as he has a groin injury. They have released midfielder George Cooper.

Walton & Hersham Manager Larry Pritchard looks certain to have to make a comeback as a player due to a flood of injuries. Dulwich Hamlet chief, Micky Leach, another 40 year old had to do so earlier this month when he found himself in a similar situation.

Nobby Skinner and Chris Harlow were well known names in Amateur Soccer, both playing for Leatherhead for several years. Now their sons look set for careers in the Football League. Both are at Fulham, and Justin made his first team debut against Rotherham recently, while Dave was on the bench. Unlike their parents who played in the forward line, the two youngsters are in midfield.

Southall have signed goalkeeper Robert Tenkoreng, who hails from Ghana and is on Fulham's books.

Dulwich Hamlet have signed Bobby Shinners a central defender from Southern League club, Fisher Athletic.

Farnborough have released goalkeeper Les Cleevely and signed Trevor Inch from Chelmsford City, another Southern League club as his replacement. Inch (22) was a professional with Portsmouth and Brentford and also played for his local club Crwaley Town.

Bromley have signed Steve Dixson a full back who is a former Crystal Palace youth player and also had experience with Gravesend and Cheltenham Town.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Aug	Sat 16	Kingsbury Town	Home	League	0-0	
	Tues 18	Grays Ath	Away	League	1-2	Harvey
	Sat 23	Maidenhead Utd	Away	League	4-3	Russell, Short, Hadley, Greaves
	Sat 30	Potton Utd	Home	F A Cup Prel	3-1	Glynn, Hadley, Greaves
Sept	Tues 2	Billericay Town	Home	League	2-1	Short, Glynn
	Sat 6	Lewes	Away	League	3-0	Greaves, Hibbert, Short
	Tue 9	Tilbury	Home	League	1-0	Wiseman
	Sat 13	Hornchurch	Home	F A Cup 1Q	0-2	
	Mon 15	Stevenage Brh	Away	League	4-1	Greaves (2), Norman, De Wilde
	Sat 20	Oxford City	Away	League	1-2	Greaves
	Tues 23	Banstead Ath	Home	AC Delco Cup	1-0	Glynn
	Sat 27	Leytonstone/Ilf	Home	League	1-2	Dean
	Tues 30	Tilbury	Away	League	1-0	Norman
Oct	Sat 4	Staines Town	Home	F A Trophy	1-1	Hadley
	Tues 7	Staines Town	Away	F A Trophy	0-2	
	Sat 11	Kingsbury Town	Away	League	2-1	Simpson (2)
	Tue 14	Witham Town	Away	Ess Sen Cup	0-1	
	Sat 18	Epsom & Ewell	Away	League	1-0	Russell
	Sat 25	Hampton	Away	League	0-3	
	Tues 28	Leyton Wingate	Home	League	1-1	Russell
	Sat 1	Uxbridge	Home	League	1-0	Simpson
Nov	Tue 4	Hornchurch	Away	Ess Thames T	2-1	Simpson (2)
	Sat 8	Southwick	Home	League	0-3	
	Tues 11	Leytonstone/Ilf	Away	League	1-3	Greaves
	Sat 15	Walton & Hersh	Away	League	3-3	Reeves (2), Hibbert
	Sat 22	Finchley	Home	League	4-2	Glynn, Brookes, Simpson, Neal
	Tues 25	Bracknell Town	Home	League	2-0	Reeves, Wiseman
	Thur 27	Leatherhead	Home	AC Delco Cup	1-1	Glynn
	Sat 29	Hampton	Home	League	3-1	Reeves (2), Neal
Dec	Tues 2	Leatherhead	Away	AC Delco Cup	3-1	Glynn, Wiseman, Norman
	Sat 6	Uxbridge	Away	League	1-2	Glynn
	Sat 13	Wembley	Home	League	3-4	Simpson (2), Lumsden
	Tue 16	Slough Town	Away	AC Delco Cup	2-0	Tappin, Glynn
	Sat 27	Walton & Hersh	Home	League	1-1	Glynn
Jan	Tues 27	Billericay Town	Away	League	0-1	
	Sat 31	Oxford City	Home	League	3-1	Neal (2), Brookes
Feb	Tues 3	Maidenhead Utd	Home	AC Delco Cup	2-0	Norman, Cowley
	Sat 7	Boreham Wood	Away	League	2-1	Lumsden, Neal
	Tues 10	Lewes	Home	League	0-3	
	Sat 14	Staines Town	Home	League	1-1	Doyle
	Sat 21	Wembley	Away	League	0-1	
	Tues 24	Grays Ath	Home	League	2-2	Glynn, Neal
	Sat 28	Bracknell Town	Away	League	1-1	Neal
	Tues 3	Maidenhead Utd	Home	League		
Mar	Sat 7	Leatherhead	Home	League		
	Mon 9	Bognor Regis T.	Away	AC Delco Cup		
	Sat 14	Southwick	Away	League		
	Tues 17	Leatherhead	Away	League		
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	Sat 4	Stevenage Brh	Home	League		
Apr	Sat 11	Staines Town	Away	League		
	Sat 25	Finchley	Away	League		
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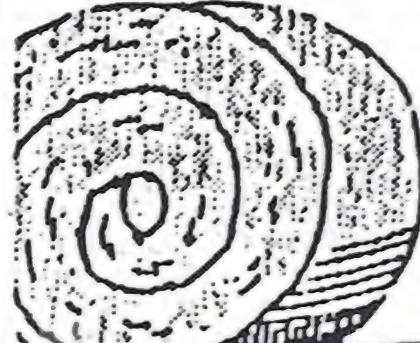
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Up to and including Saturday February 28th 1987

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Leytonstone/Ilford	32	21	4	7	58	24	67	1-2	1-3
Bracknell Town	33	18	8	7	70	37	62	2-0	1-1
Leyton-Wingate	32	17	11	4	51	23	62	1-1	
Southwick	29	18	4	7	59	40	58	0-3	
Grays Athletic	30	16	7	7	55	38	55	2-2	1-2
Wembley	29	16	6	7	45	33	54	3-4	0-1
Kingsbury Town	33	16	5	12	54	51	53	0-0	2-1
BASILDON UNITED	32	14	7	11	50	46	49		
Billericay Town	32	12	10	10	48	38	46	2-1	0-1
Leatherhead	26	13	7	6	34	28	46		
Hampton	30	13	4	13	41	35	43	3-1	0-3
Boreham Wood	30	13	4	13	42	40	43		2-1
Uxbridge	30	12	6	12	47	48	42	1-0	1-2
Stevenage Borough	28	12	3	13	46	44	39		4-1
Lewes	33	11	5	17	41	52	38	0-3	3-0
Staines Town	29	9	9	11	32	39	36	1-1	
Oxford City	33	8	6	19	48	60	30	3-1	1-2
Tilbury	29	8	5	16	32	52	29	1-0	1-0
Maidenhead United	32	8	3	21	30	61	27		4-3
Epsom & Ewell	32	7	5	20	29	56	26		1-0
Walton & Hersham	31	6	6	19	41	65	24	1-1	3-3
Finchley	31	4	7	20	34	77	19		4-2

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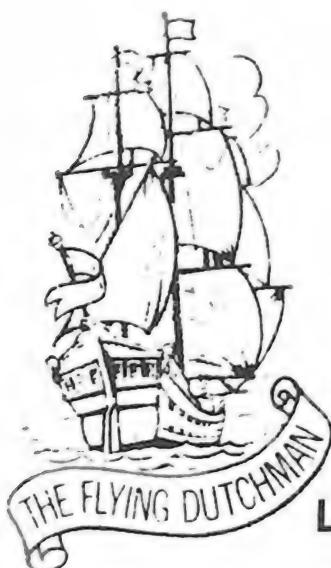
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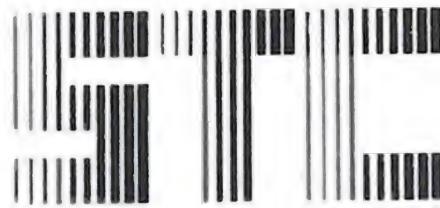


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MATCH REVIEWS

BASILDON UNITED 2 GRAYS ATHLETIC 2

This was a strange sort of game in which despite having been two down inside twenty minutes, we finished up feeling slightly upset at not having won it. The first eighteen minutes were a nightmare for us as we went two down, with both goals going to Grays ever dangerous striker Micky Welch. The first was a result of a break down the left when the winger looked close to offside and the second followed a suicidal back pass. Following that we showed no lack of endeavor but goals did not come and the deficit remained the same at the break. In the second half we continued the pressure and slowly but surely one felt that the visitors were beginning to crack. Terry Glynn pulled one back for us when he turned the ball in following a corner and a few moments later we were level when John Neal stabbed home a loose ball. By now Grays were really rocking and the introduction of Mark Simpson saw us set up two glorious chances. These were both clear headers in front of goal which to the amazement of everyone present missed the target, leaving the game to finish level for a result that in all honesty neither side wanted.

Team: Coote, Martin, Russell, Hadley, Wiseman, Lumsden, Neal, Cowley, Cox, Glynn (Simpson), Brookes.

BRACKNELL TOWN 1 BASILDON UNITED 1

We had an extremely late finish to this game owing to a lengthy second half stoppage when a linesman had to be replaced through injury. In the event it was Bracknell who finished happy to collect a point as in the closing stages we were the only team in it. We had fallen a goal behind in the first half when a harsh free kick against us was turned in from close range, but from then on we were much more positive and before the break there were signs we could get back.

The second half saw the highest scorers in the division hardly get a look in as we pressed forward and good efforts from Neal, Glynn and Wiseman had already gone close before John Neal equalised, hooking in from close range after a good move had put him clear. The remaining twenty minutes saw our side pushing forward for the winner and indeed, it was only a desperate handball to stop Mark Simpson and a debatable offside decision from the substitute linesman which prevented us from taking all three points.

Team: Coote, Martin, Cox, Hadley, Wiseman, Lumsden, Neal, Cowley, Oliver, Glynn, Brookes (Simpson).

STATISTICS

For those who are statistically minded, the table below shows first team players appearances and goals for 1986-87. All appearances include substitutions where the player actually came on to the field of play.

	League (Max 32)	Cup Comps (Max 11)	Total (Max 43)	Goals
Colin Russell.....	30.....	10.....	40.....	3
Wayne Martin.....	26.....	10.....	36.....	
Steve Wiseman.....	26.....	10.....	36.....	3
Graham Main.....	24.....	10.....	34.....	
Tony Hadley.....	23.....	9.....	32.....	3
Steve Hibbert.....	23.....	9.....	32.....	2
Jeff Short.....	21.....	7.....	28.....	3
Mark Simpson.....	20.....	6.....	26.....	8
Terry Glynn.....	18.....	8.....	26.....	10
Michael Brookes.....	16.....	5.....	21.....	2
John Neal.....	19.....	1.....	20.....	7
Danny Greaves.....	14.....	6.....	20.....	7
Simon De Wilde.....	13.....	5.....	18.....	1
John Lumsden.....	12.....	4.....	16.....	2
Colin Norman.....	11.....	5.....	16.....	4
Jamie Reeves.....	13.....	1.....	14.....	5
Kenny Charlery.....	10.....	4.....	14.....	
Stuart Carmichael.....	8.....	3.....	11.....	
Tony Dean.....	6.....	5.....	11.....	1
Tony Coote.....	8.....	1.....	9.....	
Francis Cowley.....	8.....	1.....	9.....	1
Paul Harvey.....	6.....	2.....	8.....	1
Bobby Tappin.....	4.....	3.....	7.....	1
Colin Cox.....	6.....	.....	6.....	
Paul Kerchell.....	4.....	2.....	6.....	
Andy Greaves.....	4.....	.....	4.....	
Tony Ablitt.....	3.....	1.....	4.....	
Micky Doyle.....	2.....	.....	2.....	1
Steve Jesson.....	2.....	2.....	
Steve Oliver.....	1.....	1.....	
John Pullin.....	1.....	1.....	
Paul Wheeler.....	1.....	1.....	
Ian Sexton.....	1.....	1.....	1



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